GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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TELECOMMUNICATION AND POSTAL FACILITES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting was held with public representatives to solve the problems relating to telephone and postal departments of Maharashtra, particularly in Vidarbha region;

(b) if so, the matter discussed therein; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNCATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Telecom: The matters related to switching and transmission development plans, operation and maintenance of exchanges, Internet services, new technologies such as Mobile and WILL were discussed.

Department of Post: Besides matters regarding improvement in the condition of post offices and various other related issues, discussions were also held about how to meet the loss sustained by the Department on subsidized services like sale of postcards etc.

(c) Department of Telecom: All out efforts are being made to achieve the targets set for the year 2000-2001.

Department of Post: Steps taken by the Department of Post are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Activities	Maharashtra Region	Vidarbha Region
(i) Opening of post offices	Departmental Sub-Office- 2 Branch Post Offices -60	12
(ii) Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra	220	50
(iii) Opening of new business centres for Mass Mailing	Nagpur General P.O. Amrawati AKL H.P.O. Wardha H.P.O. Chandrapur H.P.O.	
(v) Opening of Express Parcel Centres	Amrawati H.P.O. Akola H.P.O. Wardha H.P.O. Malkapur Sorting office	Chandrapur H.P.O.
(v) Departmental Buildings: (completed)		Horizontal extension of Yavatmal post office Vertical extension of Candrapur Head P.O.
(vi) Computeri-sation of Head Post Offices	Nagpur City	Nagpur G.P.O.

Akola Head P.O.

(vii) Computeri-sation of Savings Bank Work — Akola Head P.O.
Nagpur General P.O.
Chandrapur Head P.O.
Buldana Head P.O.

(viii) New services added — Greeting post and Media Post launched in Nagpur Region.

(ix) Maintenance of heritage buildings — Nagpur General P.O.
Office of DA(P)
Nagpur

(x) Extension of Head Post Office building completed — Yavatamal
Chandrapur

(xi) Premium services added — Speed Post, Media Post, Business post will be available in a number of post offices in the interiors of Vidarbha Region.

(xii) Close co-ordination being maintained with the Transport authorities for quicker transmission of mails.

(xiiii) Additional funds demanded for better maintenance of buildings.

(xiv) Induction of new technologies, transmission of money orders through V.SAT, supply of multi-purpose counter machines in phased manner, computerisation of Registration work, Automatic sorting machine, mechanisation of delivery work through Mopeds.